

**National Interagency Coordination Center
Incident Management Situation Report
Sunday, October 20, 2019 – 0800 MT
National Preparedness Level 2**

National Fire Activity

Initial attack activity:	Light (28 new fires)
New large incidents:	2
Large fires contained:	1
Uncontained large fires:***	8
Area Command teams committed:	0
NIMOs committed:	0
Type 1 IMTs committed:	1
Type 2 IMTs committed:	1

Nationally, there are 7 large fires being managed under a strategy other than full suppression.

*** Uncontained large fires include only fires being managed under a full suppression strategy.

[Link](#) to Geographic Area daily reports.

[Link](#) to Understanding the IMSR.

Active Incident Resource Summary						
GACC	Incidents	Cumulative Acres	Crews	Engines	Helicopters	Total Personnel
AICC	0	0	0	0	0	0
NWCC	0	0	0	0	0	0
ONCC	1	3,434	8	2	3	277
OSCC	4	15,793	24	84	0	895
NRCC	0	0	0	0	0	0
GBCC	3	1,947	2	3	0	54
SWCC	0	0	0	0	0	0
RMCC	5	12,067	18	41	16	912
EACC	0	0	0	0	0	0
SACC	8	3,484	1	4	0	64
Total	21	36,725	53	134	19	2,202

Rocky Mountain Area (PL 2)

New fires: 2
 New large incidents: 0
 Uncontained large fires: 1
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 1
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 1

Decker, Rio Grande NF, USFS. IMT 1 (GB Team 2). Nine miles south of Salida, CO. Timber and light logging slash. Moderate fire behavior with flanking, backing and creeping. Numerous structures threatened. Evacuations, area, road, and trail closures in effect. Sage-grouse habitat threatened.

Cow Creek, Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison NF, USFS. IMT 2 (RM Blue Team) mobilizing. Nine miles east of Ridgeway, CO. Timber, brush and tall grass. Moderate fire behavior with backing, flanking and single tree torching. Structures threatened. Area, road and trail closures in effect.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
Decker	CO-RGF	8,705	11	30	Comp	12/20	684	-119	13	30	8	4	18.5M	FS
Cow Creek	CO-GMF	785	130	0	Ctn	12/1	102	28	3	1	5	0	700K	FS
Large Fires Being Managed With a Strategy Other Than Full Suppression Without a Type 1 or 2 IMT Assigned														
Middle Mamm	CO-WRF	1,235	0	34	Comp	11/20	35	-31	1	1	3	0	3.6M	FS
Granite Lake	CO-WRF	720	---	2	Comp	12/1	3	---	0	1	0	0	225K	FS

WRF – White River NF, USFS

Southern California Area (PL 3)

New fires: 11
 New large incidents: 0
 Uncontained large fires: 4

Saddle Ridge, Los Angeles City Fire Department. Started on USFS land five miles northwest of San Fernando, CA. Tall grass, brush and chaparral. Minimal fire behavior with creeping and smoldering. Numerous structures threatened.

Briceburg, Merced-Mariposa Unit, Cal Fire. Eight miles north of Mariposa, CA. Brush and tall grass. Minimal fire behavior with smoldering. Area and road closures in effect.

Real, Santa Barbara County Fire Department. Twelve miles north of Goleta City, CA. Brush and tall grass. Minimal fire behavior with creeping and smoldering. Structures threatened. Area, road and trail closures in effect.

Taboose, Inyo NF, USFS. Six miles southwest of Big Pine, CA. Timber, brush and short grass. Last narrative report unless significant activity occurs.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
Saddle Ridge	CA-LFD	8,799	0	78	Ctn	10/23	685	-222	20	66	0	24	27.4M	FS
Briceburg	CA-MMU	5,563	0	98	Ctn	10/23	100	-6	2	1	0	1	15.4M	ST
Real	CA-SBC	420	0	80	Ctn	10/21	73	-135	1	11	0	0	675K	C&L
Taboose	CA-INF	10,400	---	75	Ctn	10/31	1	---	0	0	0	0	12.5M	FS

Northern California Area (PL 2)

New fires: 14
 New large incidents: 0
 Uncontained large fires: 1

Caples, Eldorado NF, USFS. Eighteen miles southwest of South Lake Tahoe, CA. Timber and brush. Minimal fire behavior with backing and creeping. Area, road and trail closures in effect.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
Caples	CA-ENF	3,434	0	61	Ctn	10/31	277	-81	8	2	3	0	5.3M	FS
Large Fires Being Managed With a Strategy Other Than Full Suppression Without a Type 1 or 2 IMT Assigned														
South	CA-SHF	5,332	0	75	Comp	10/31	1	0	0	0	0	2	10M	FS

SHF – Shasta-Trinity NF, USFS

Southern Area (PL 2)

New fires: 2
 New large incidents: 2
 Uncontained large fires: 2

* **Double Mountain**, Texas A & M Forest Service. Started on private land 45 miles east of Abilene, TX. Timber and brush. Moderate fire behavior with uphill runs and creeping. Structures threatened.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
* Double Mountain	TX-TXS	400	---	40	Ctn	10/20	19	---	0	1	0	0	NR	PRI
* Haskell	TX-TXS	150	---	100	Ctn	---	5	---	0	1	0	0	NR	PRI

Great Basin Area (PL 1)

New fires: 1
 New large incidents: 0
 Uncontained large fires: 0

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
Large Fires Being Managed With a Strategy Other Than Full Suppression Without a Type 1 or 2 IMT Assigned														
Skull Flat 2	UT-FIF	450	---	0	Comp	11/7	5	---	0	0	0	0	3K	FS
Swasey Peak	UT-RID	103	---	0	Comp	11/30	1	---	0	0	0	0	20K	FS

FIF – Fishlake NF, USFS RID – Richfield Field Office, BLM

Southwest Area (PL 1)

New fires: 0
 New large incidents: 0
 Uncontained large fires: 0

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
Large Fires Being Managed With a Strategy Other Than Full Suppression Without a Type 1 or 2 IMT Assigned														
Ikes	AZ-GCP	16,400	---	80	Comp	12/1	20	---	0	3	0	0	3.9M	NPS

GCP – Grand Canyon NP, NPS

Fires and Acres Yesterday (by Protection)

Area		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northwest Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northern California Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	9	5	14
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	25	220	245
Southern California Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	11	0	11
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northern Rockies Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Great Basin Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Southwest Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rocky Mountain Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Eastern Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Southern Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL FIRES:		0	0	0	0	21	7	28
TOTAL ACRES:		0	0	0	0	26	220	246

Fires and Acres Year-to-Date (by Protection):

Area		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska Area	FIRES	0	243	0	0	416	44	703
	ACRES	0	1,692,467	0	0	884,548	13	2,577,028
Northwest Area	FIRES	234	231	17	29	1,895	1,036	3,442
	ACRES	49,940	43,743	23,490	4	20,843	25,340	163,360
Northern California Area	FIRES	53	47	4	7	2,607	490	3,208
	ACRES	28	5,656	25	1	34,514	88,604	128,828
Southern California Area	FIRES	24	85	11	21	3,443	359	3,943
	ACRES	269	2,831	2,729	107	24,761	23,612	54,309
Northern Rockies Area	FIRES	750	47	22	15	831	474	2,139
	ACRES	12,081	952	10,026	116	37,520	11,611	72,306
Great Basin Area	FIRES	40	754	8	34	874	491	2,201
	ACRES	172	248,247	13	447	153,229	51,692	453,801
Southwest Area	FIRES	641	205	14	53	601	870	2,384
	ACRES	56,283	6,826	69	16,769	28,968	326,427	435,342
Rocky Mountain Area	FIRES	270	321	2	12	568	356	1,529
	ACRES	1,955	21,616	5,097	29	30,861	29,674	89,232
Eastern Area	FIRES	301	0	25	31	4,009	313	4,679
	ACRES	569	0	971	520	30,429	5,139	37,628
Southern Area	FIRES	259	0	36	46	18,864	313	19,518
	ACRES	22,725	0	2,549	2,320	406,759	21,013	455,366
TOTAL FIRES:		2,572	1,933	139	248	34,108	4,746	43,746
TOTAL ACRES:		144,022	2,022,338	44,969	20,313	1,652,432	583,126	4,467,200

Ten Year Average Fires (2009 – 2018 as of today)	53,636
Ten Year Average Acres (2009 – 2018 as of today)	6,470,671

***Changes in some agency YTD acres reflect more accurate mapping or reporting adjustments.

***Additional wildfire information is available through the Geographic Areas at <https://gacc.nifc.gov/>

Prescribed Fires and Acres Yesterday (by Ownership):

Area		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northwest Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northern California Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	127	127
Southern California Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northern Rockies Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Great Basin Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Southwest Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rocky Mountain Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	124	0	0	0	0	124
Eastern Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Southern Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL FIRES:		0	0	0	0	0	1	1
TOTAL ACRES:		0	124	0	0	0	127	251

***Prescribed fire acres are for reference only and may not reflect the most up-to-date information.

***Official prescribed fire accomplishment reporting occurs through agency specific systems of record.

Predictive Services Discussion: The Sundowner wind event that is bringing gusty dry winds to Southern California continues, with the strongest winds most likely to occur overnight and preventing much humidity recovery. These Sundowner winds will diminish tomorrow afternoon. The easterly Mono Winds of Central California will become active on Wednesday and persist into Thursday. Gusty westerly Chinook winds will kick up along Colorado's Front Range again today and then continue before dropping off Wednesday. The Southern High Plains will also be breezy and dry. No precipitation is expected over the southwest CONUS for several more days. Regarding precipitation elsewhere, the remnants of Tropical Storm Nestor are bringing ample rainfall to parts of the southeast CONUS as well as the Mid-Atlantic States, parts of which had been very dry in recent weeks. This storm system will move northeastward out to sea tonight. The weather system that brought rain, snow, and even a little thunder to the northwest CONUS yesterday will head eastward and reach the central Great Plains this afternoon. Once this storm reaches the Plains it will intensify further and reach the upper Great Lakes tomorrow. An associated cold front on the south side of this low will rotate eastward and bring widespread rain to much of the central and eastern CONUS between today and Tuesday.

<http://www.predictiveservices.nifc.gov/outlooks/outlooks.htm>



Frequent Spot Fires Across The Line

Weather - Fire Behavior Category

This watchout situation clearly indicates how much potential your fire has for rapid, uncontrolled growth. Consider the following questions if you are getting spot fires across your line:

- Can you handle increased spotting? List some ways you can keep ahead of spot fires (gridding the green, lookouts, etc.)
- What is your probability of ignition doing? Is it increasing or decreasing?
- Do you have a plan for long-range spotting? In what fuel type and under what conditions will you likely have long-range spotting? What types of plans can you think of for handling long-range spotting?
- Is help available if necessary? What kinds of resources will you have in place, or order, to handle spot fires?
- If fire behavior increases, is your position still defensible? Discuss what type of action you might take if a spot fire takes off.
- Do you have more than one safety zone in case one gets cut off? Describe how you might have multiple safety zones.
- Do the primary lookouts have a good view of the situation? Discuss who might be acting as a lookout (e.g., crew member, air resources, supervisors, etc.) and how you will get good information from that person. (Are you relying on an air attack that is busy with airtankers?)
- Where are you in the burning period? Talk about how your tactics may vary from finding spot fires early in the day to later into the evening. Review Probability of Ignition (PIG) and what it can tell you about spotting potential.
- To reduce the risk, be ready to retreat. Keep your guard up even if spotting has not occurred for a few hours. Review fires where you have had frequent spot fires and what you learned about controlling them.

Resources:

[Incident Response Pocket Guide, PMS 461](#)

[Interagency Standards for Fire & Fire Aviation Operations \(Redbook\)](#)

[Wildland Fire Incident Management Field Guide, PMS 210](#)

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